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KAYYEM et al.

Serial No. 08/873,978

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CONDUCTIVE OLIGOMERS TO
NUCLEIC ACIDS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Since copies of these references 1 through 102 and A through QQ were provided either by the Applicant or the Examiner in United States Serial No. 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed with this document. However, as required under §1.98(2)(ii), applicant encloses a copy of the reference identified as number NN on the enclosed form PTO-1449, which had not previously been disclosed in U.S. Serial No. 08/873,978.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. U.S.S.N. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
2. U.S.S.N. 08/660,534, filed June 7, 1996, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
3. U.S.S.N. 08/659,987, filed June 7, 1996, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
4. U.S.S.N. 08/873,598, filed June 12, 1997, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
5. U.S.S.N. 08/786,187, filed January 21, 1997, Bamdad et al., entitled "Molecular Recognition at Surfaces Derivatized with Self-Assembled Monolayers."
6. U.S.S.N. 08/843,623, filed January 21, 1997, Bamdad, entitled "Surface-Immobilized Nucleic Acid and Electron-Transfer Devices and Methods Employing the Same."

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Since copies of 1 through 4, listed directly above, were provided in parent application Serial No. 08/743,798, no copies are enclosed, while copies of items 5 and 6 are provided herewith.

In addition, the applicants note that there are several pending applications which are continuing applications of Meade et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578, reference CC of the PTO form 1449. These applications are U.S.S.N.s 08/709,265, filed September 6, 1996, 08/709,263, filed September 6, 1996, and 08/946,679, filed on October 8, 1997. The specifications of these three applications are identical to the specification of the Meade et al. '578 patent.

Finally, the applicants note that there is a continuing application based on the present application; U.S.S.N.s 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997, a relate case, 08/899,510, filed July 24, 1997, which is a divisional of the originating parent application serial no. 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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